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**Request
for
Continued Examination (RCE)
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Application Number	10/087,092
Filing Date	March 1, 2002
First Named Inventor	Anthony C. Bonora
Art Unit	3652
Examiner Name	Charles A. Fox
Attorney Docket Number	34741-774

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

- a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
- i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Rely Brief previously filed on _____
- ii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
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- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Other Return Receipt Postcard

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. **Fees**

The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

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- a. ☒ Deposit Account No. 50-0639
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) 02/01/2005 ANABI1 00000090 10087092
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) 01 FC:1801 790.00 OP
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 1,910.00 enclosed
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Patent Application

Inventors: Anthony C. Bonora et al.
SC/Serial No.: 10/087,092
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HANDLING SYSTEM


PATENT APPLICATION

Art Unit: 3652
Examiner: Charles A. Fox

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

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Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby request continued examination of the above-identified utility patent application. The subject patent application was filed on or after June 8, 1995 and this paper is being filed prior to the earliest of: (1) Payment of the issue fee, unless a petition under Sec. 1.313 is granted; (2) Abandonment of the application; or (3) The filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. 141, or the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. 145 or 146, unless the appeal or civil action is terminated. 37 C.F.R. §1.114(a).

Transmitted with this communication are the following:

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- X An Amendment or Response.
- X A Petition for an Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136.
- A Statement pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.27 to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §1.9(f).

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_____ An Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

Previously submitted are the following:

_____ Consider the Amendment(s)/Response under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 previously filed on [date of mailing].

Other: _____

The fee associated with this communication has been calculated as shown below:

_____ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 has been claimed.

✓ A fee of \$790.00 is due pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) for the filing of this Request for Continued Examination.

✓ A fee for extension of time for response under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 filed within 3 months after the original time for response of \$ 1,020.00 is due.

_____ A fee of \$130.00 is due under to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(h) for filing a Request for Suspension of Action *for cause*. [37 C.F.R. §1.103(a)]

_____ Applicant(s) respectfully request a refund of this fee because, as more fully set forth in the Request for Suspension of Action, Applicant(s) submit that the cause of the suspension is the fault of the Patent and Trademark Office.

_____ A fee of \$130.00 is due under to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) for filing a Request for Suspension of Action *not* for cause. [37 C.F.R. §1.103(c)]

_____ A fee for addition of claims under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 is due as follows:

Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Previously Paid For		Number Extra	Rate	Small Entity/Other Than Small Entity		
Total					\$ 9.00		
Claims <u>9</u>	<u>[20 or more]</u>	=	<u>0</u> *	X	\$18.00	=	\$0
Independent					\$42.00		
Claims <u>2</u>	<u>[3 or more]</u>	=	<u>0</u> *	X	\$84.00	=	\$0
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim(s) _____					\$140.00		
					\$280.00=		\$0

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Additional Fee = \$ 0



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Enclosed are two checks, a total of \$1,910.00.

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- ☒ Any filing fees under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 for the presentation of additional claims.
- ☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. §1.17 including any applicable fee for extension of time.

Respectfully submitted,

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